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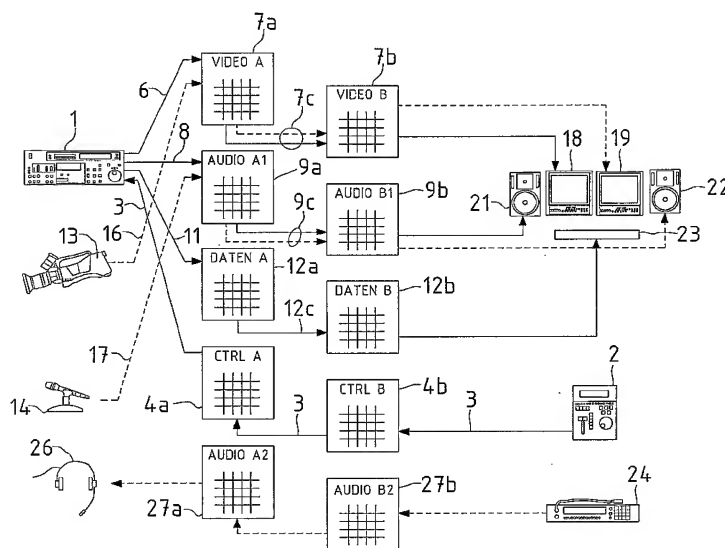
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(57) Abstract: A method is proposed for controlling a device for the distribution of audio, video, data and control signals with respect to path and bundle locking, as well as unlocking. The device has a number of inputs and outputs which can be connected by switching and cover signal paths. The method according to the invention comprises the following steps: signal paths are completely locked and unlocked by automatic locking and unlocking, respectively, of the switching processes involved. Signal paths are joined together to form signal bundles. All of the signal paths involved are automatically locked and unlocked during the locking and unlocking, respectively, of signal bundles.